AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 – 23 (Cancelled)

24. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a plurality of trays which receive discharged sheets;

an operator interface which selectively sets a size of sheets with respect to at least one of said plurality of trays;

a tray selector which selects one of the plurality of trays as a discharged destination; and

an image forming unit which forms an image on a sheet of a size set by the operator interface with respect to the selected tray.

25. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the size of sheets is capable of being set with respect to the each of the plurality of trays.

26. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the plurality of trays are used as a mail-bin.

27. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 24, further comprises an interface which receives print data transmitted from an external device, said print data including

image data, tray selection information and size information, and a controller which invalidates the size information in the print data and makes the image forming unit form an image on a sheet of the size set by the operator interface with respect to the selected tray based on the tray selection information.

28. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 24, further comprises an interface which receives print data transmitted from an external device, said print data including image data, tray selection information and size information, and a controller which makes the image forming unit form an image on a sheet of the size based on the size information in the print data if size information with respect to a selected tray based on the tray selection information is not set by the operator interface.

29. (New) An image forming apparatus which discharges printed sheets with respect to each of a plurality of destinations, said image forming apparatus comprising:

a memory which stores layout information of printed sheets, said layout information being capable of being stored with respect to the each of the plurality of destinations and indicating an output format of the printed sheets;

an image forming unit which forms an image on a sheet;

an interface which receives print data transmitted from an external device, said print data including image data, destination information and layout information; and

a controller which invalidates the layout information in the print data and makes the image forming unit form an image on a sheet based on the layout information stored in the

memory with respect to a destination which is designated by the destination information in the print data.

30. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the layout information stored in the memory is set by an operator interface on the image forming apparatus.

31. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the image forming apparatus has a plurality of trays which receive discharged sheets, said each of the plurality of trays being corresponded to one of the destinations.

32. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 31, further comprises a tray selector which selects one of the plurality of trays as a discharged tray.

33. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the plurality of trays are used as a mail-bin.

34. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the image forming apparatus is a printer and the external device is a computer connected to the printer.

35. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the layout information is at least one of N-in-1 processing, double-side printing, paper size setting, margin setting, stapling, perforation, folding, sorting, water marking, printing of serial numbers, impression of printing time, enlargement or contraction.

36. (New) An image forming apparatus which discharges printed sheets with respect to each of a plurality of destinations, said image forming apparatus comprising:

a memory which stores layout information of printed sheets, said layout information being capable of being stored with respect to the each of the plurality of destinations and indicating an output format of the printed sheets;

an image forming unit which forms an image on a sheet;

an interface which receives print data transmitted from an external device, said print data including image data, destination information and layout information; and

a controller which makes the image forming unit form an image on a sheet based on the layout information in the print data if the memory has no layout information with respect to a destination which is designated by the destination information in the print data.

37. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the layout information stored in the memory is set by an operator interface on the image forming apparatus.

38. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the image forming apparatus has a plurality of trays which receive discharged sheets, said each of the plurality of trays being corresponded to one of the destinations.

39. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 38, further comprises a tray selector which selects one of the plurality of trays as a discharged tray.

40. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 38, wherein the plurality of trays are used as a mail-bin.

41. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the image forming apparatus is a printer and the external device is a computer connected to the printer.

42. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the layout information is at least one of N-in-1 processing, double-side printing, paper size setting, margin setting, stapling, perforation, folding, sorting, water marking, printing of serial numbers, impression of printing time, enlargement or contraction.

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